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## Fiery Crash Claims Second Life

The driver of the Blazer involved in a fiery crash on the ramp from NB I-5 to N.E. 50<sup>th</sup> St. early this morning, has died.

The Blazer had been reported as driving erratically just prior to the collision. The passenger, whose identity is unknown at this time, was unable to escape the vehicle after it rolled on its top and was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver, a 31 year old male from Seattle was pronounced dead at Harborview several hours later.

This collision follows a series of recent injury and fatality collisions in King County due to alcohol, speed or poor weather conditions. The WSP is doing everything they can to make our roads safer however; they want to remind the motoring public of the dangers of driving under the influence and excessive speed, especially during poor weather conditions.

Detectives are investigating whether alcohol was a factor in today's collision.

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